

***Environmental
Resource
Guide***

**For Chippewa,
Mackinac,
and Luce
Counties**

This resource directory is intended to assist residents in easily finding environmental resources. The information has been compiled randomly and is not meant to focus on one subject area or one organization. If there are more organizations, other information, inaccuracies, or other suggestions for future improvement that would make this directory more useful, please contact the Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program at 906-635-6368.

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Agencies & Organizations

Conservation District

Chippewa/East Mackinac

906-635-1278

www.chipmackconservation.org

Luce/West Mackinac

906-293-3419

Department of Natural Resources

www.michigan.gov/dnr

Newberry (Operational Service Center)

906-293-5131

Burn Permits

E. Chippewa/E. Mackinac

1-800-511-1684

W. Chippewa/W. Mackinac/Luce

1-800-837-2698

Report All Poaching

1-800-292-7800

Environmental Health Departments

Chippewa County	906-635-3620
Luce County	906-293-1303
Mackinac County	906-643-1100

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)www.epa.gov

Region 5 Office, Chicago	1-800-621-8431
Safe Drinking Water Hotline	1-800-426-4791

Farm Bureauwww.michiganfarmbureau.com

Chippewa County	906-478-3808
Luce/Mackinac Counties	906-477-9929

Fish & Wildlife Servicewww.fws.gov

USFWS Customer Service Center	1-800-344-9453
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Lake Superior State University

St. Mary's River Bi-national Public Advisory Council	906-632-6841
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www.lssu.edu/bpac**Michigan Agri-Business Assoc.**

517-336-0223

www.miagbiz.org**Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA)**www.michigan.gov/mda

Region 1 Upper Peninsula	906-786-5462
Toll Free	1-888-684-1158
General Information	1-800-292-3939
Agriculture Pollution/Spills Hotline	1-800-405-0101

Michigan Department of Environmental Qualitywww.michigan.gov/deq

Environmental Assistance Center	1-800-662-9178
Pollution Emergency Alerting System	1-800-292-4706
Upper Peninsula District Office	906-346-8300

Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program

Residential Program	906-635-6368
Agricultural Program	906-635-2136

Michigan Poison Control Hotline 1-800-764-7661

Michigan State Fire Marshall 1-800-322-1924

Michigan State University Extension

Chippewa County 906-635-6368

Luce County 906-293-3203

Mackinac County 906-643-7307

Tribal Environment Services

Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan 906-632-6896

Inter-Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program 906-632-0072

Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (C.O.R.A.) 906-632-0043

Conservation and Law Enforcement 906-635-6065

Bay Mills Water Quality 906-248-3241

Bay Mills Community College 906-248-3354

USDA

Farm Services 906-632-9611 ext. 2

NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service)
Chippewa/E. Mackinac 906-632-9611 ext. 3

Luce/W. Mackinac/Schoolcraft 906-341-5304

Rural Development 906-632-9611 ext. 4

USDA (Forest Service)

Hiawatha National Forest

www.fs.fed.us

St. Ignace Office 906-643-7900

Watershed Councils

Les Cheneaux Watershed Council 906-484-3031

Les Cheneaux Islands Association 906-484-2558

Munuscong River Watershed Association 906-647-5807

Two Heart Run Watershed Advisory Council 906-228-6095

Superior Watershed Partnership 906-228-6095

www.superiorwatershed.org

Recycling & Composting

Waste Management (Curbside pick-up) 906-635-5971

www.wm.com

Available for the city of Sault Ste. Marie

Chippewa County Recycling Center

906-632-0525

E-Mail: recycling@sault.com**Recycling Drop-Off Sites for the Recycling Center:**

Bay Mills, Brimley, Bruce, DeTour, Drummond Island, Kinross,
Paradise, Pickford, Raber, Rudyard, Strong's, Sugar Islands, Trout Lake
and Hulbert Townships

Material accepted at Chippewa Recycling Center:

Aluminum & Steel cans

Aerosol Cans - throw away the caps

Aluminum Pie tins, Foil, & Trays
(Rinsed and clean)

All Plastics marked #1 through #7

Plastic film (plastic bags)

Newspapers

Office paper & Envelopes

Catalogs & Magazines

Corrugated Cardboard

Brown paper bags

Glass bottles & jars only

Colors: Green, Brown, White

Luce County:

906-635-1581

Mackinac County:

906-635-1581

Mackinac Island

906-847-6104

Composting:

The best way to dispose of leaves and lawn clippings is to compost them. Composting is a simple natural process of converting raw organic material into rich, moist soil called humus. Composting can be done regardless of where you live or how large your property is. For questions on starting your own compost pile call your MSU Extension office.

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Household Hazardous Material Disposal

Chippewa County Recycling Center

906-632-0525

Three times a year Chippewa County Recycling Center hosts a collection of hazardous material. The three dates are advertised in the newspapers, on the radio and cable television. Call ahead for an appointment and for any questions.

Acceptable Items

Asphalt & Roofing Tar
Cleaner & Polishes
Flammables (gasoline, starting fluids)
Batteries
Home Repair Products (glues, caulking)
Mercury
Oil Based Paint (not Latex)
Paint Thinners, Solvents, Varnishes
Pesticides & Weed Killers
Wood Preservatives
Used Motor Oil
Antifreeze

Unacceptable Items

Explosives & Ammunition
Computers
Latex Paint (unless 20 yrs old or older)
Empty Containers
Smoke Detectors
Flares

Appliances

Before sending an appliance to the landfill, consider that some businesses accept large appliances on a trade-in basis, and small appliances can be donated to re-sale shops. A local waste hauler may charge a fee to pick up your used appliance, reclaim any hazardous substances and recycle the parts.

Northstar Habitat for Humanity ReStore

906-632-6616

E-Mail: soorestore@lighthouse.net

For The Public:

*They accept & sell all donated items **except** for cloths, toys & books.

*They **prefer** to sell building materials & household goods. (doors, windows, appliances, furniture, paint, electrical & plumbing goods)

Steel & Metals

A & L Iron and Metal

1-989-732-5900

Kinross

906-495-2803

Reid Metal Inc.

906-632-0018

Batteries

Small Batteries can be recycled if taken to some jewelry or photo departments in stores. Car batteries, if exchanged at the time of the new purchase, will generally result in a discount on the new battery.

Alkaline Batteries Drop Sites:

Parkers	906-635-1620
Wal-Mart	906-632-0572
Chippewa County Recycling Center	906-632-0525
King's Radio & TV	906-635-5183

(A, AA, AAA, C, D, 6 Volts, 9 Volts
and Rechargeable Cells)

Fuel Tanks

MDEQ Environmental Assistance Center	1-800-662-9278
Upper Peninsula District Office	906-346-8300

Motor Oil

Advance Auto Parts	906-632-2900
(They also accept transmission fluid, gear lube, hydraulic fluids and old batteries for recycling.)	
Precision Automotive (less than 5 gallons)	906-635-1052
Quality Automotive (less than 5 gallons)	906-635-6887

Tires (prices for turning in old tires available upon request)

Auto Center Pit Stop	906-635-7300
UP Tire	906-632-6661

Pesticides

When purchasing pesticides: First identify your pest problem, next find out all of the options you have for dealing with the problem, then try to buy only the amount you need for the job or season. Read and follow label directions exactly. Try using non-toxic or organic products. Pesticides are considered a household hazardous material and should be disposed of properly.

Chippewa County Recycling Center	906-632-0525
Clean Sweep Delta County	906-786-9056
Clean Sweep Marquette County	906-249-4125 ext. 26

Fertilizer

Before applying fertilizer, test your soil. Your fertilizer choice will depend on what your soil needs and what plants or crops you wish to grow. Use fertilizer according to label. Leaving grass clippings on the lawn can reduce the amount of fertilizer needed by 25%. Misuse of fertilizers can result in damage to your lawn or possible groundwater or surface water contamination. Adding compost to soils can enhance productivity. Call your MSU Extension office for more information.

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Septic System

Septic tanks should be pumped, on average, every 3-5 years, depending on the size and use of the tank.

Warning Signs that your system is failing.

- *Sewage surfacing over drain field
- *Sewage back-ups in the house
- *Lush and/or unusually green growth over drain field
- *Water loving plants growing over drain field
- *Slow draining toilets or drains, or sewage odor

Septic systems that are installed, operated, or maintained improperly can cause serious health and environmental problems.

Finest Septic Service

906-635-1031

John's Septic Tank Service

906-635-0761

(servicing Chippewa County)

Winter Septic

906-492-3947

*(servicing Chippewa, Luce and
Mackinac Counties)*

Soil Testing

Before adding fertilizer to your lawn, soil testing is always a good idea. Assuming your lawn needs to be fertilized could be detrimental to your drinking water. Your lawn can also have fertilizer burn from over fertilizing.

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Water Testing

Residents who use a well for drinking water should have their water tested annually. There are several contaminants that are undetectable unless a water test is performed. Basic tests include partial chemistry test and the bacteria test.

Environmental Health Departments

Chippewa County	906-635-3620
Luce County	906-293-1303
Mackinac County	906-643-1100

Water Well Drillers & Services

Langstaff Pump Service (Servicing Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac Counties)	906-478-4606
Louie's Well Drilling (Servicing Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac Counties)	906-478-7581
Saunders & Son Well Drilling (Servicing W. Mackinac, W. Chippewa and Luce Counties)	906-586-3804

Wildlife

Department of Natural Resources OSC 906-293-5131
Visit www.michigan.gov/dnr for licensed wildlife rehabilitators listed by county and specialization.



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